മിസ്റ്റർ പി. സി. ചാണ്ടൻ.—ഓരൊ കൊല്ലത്തിലും അധികൃത ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിലേക്കു ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിരുന്ന സംഖ്യ അധികൃതക്കായി ആതാതുകൊല്ലം ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. സി. ചാണ്ടൻ.—ഫോർ-ൽ കുറെ സംഖ്യ ലാപ്സായിപ്പോയതായി അറിയുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിനു കാരണമെന്ത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—നോട്ടീസ് വേണം. കാരണവും അറിയുന്നില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. സി. ചാണ്ടൻ.—ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ഇത്രവകക്ക് ഓരൊ ചെറിയസംഖ്യ കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. അധികൃതർ ആവശ്യപ്പെടാത്തതു കൊണ്ടാണൊ ചിലവാക്കാത്തതെന്നു അറിഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—അതു് അറിയാൻ പാടില്ല.

486. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. the names of persons who were granted during the last 12 years assignments of forest exclusions of more than 10 acres (i) by or (ii) without (a) selling the right by public auction, (b) by inviting tenders or (c) otherwise;

2. the village, survey number and extent of each such assignment, the quantity and value of the forest growth estimated before assignment in each case and the total amount realised by the Sirkar in each such case;

3. the quantity of forest growth removed, as calculated from the passes issued for the transit of timber in each case;

4. in the case of assignment by tenders, whether the highest rate favourable to the Sirkar was selected in each case and if not, why not?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The information so far collected is contained in the statement placed on the Council table.

Government Officers not given maximum.

487. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) as to how many officers there are in Government service on Rs. 60—4—80 grade, who though they have completed their 25 years of service on 1—1—1105 are not drawing the maximum of Rs. 80?

(b) how many of these gentlemen will have to retire on account of age-limit before they earn the maximum of Rs. 80;

(c) Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council whether any of them have petitioned the Government to give

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them the maximum; and if so, how were those petitions disposed of?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Sixteen from the information available.

(b) Eight.

(c) Yes, some of them.

Their requests were not granted;

Request for timber—Forests.

488. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

a. (1) whether there was a request from His Highness the 4th Prince of Cochin in Vrischigam 1102 for the construction of premises, to the Conservator of Forests;

(2) if so, what was the reply given to it;

(3) whether a reminder was given to it;

b. (1) were wind-fallen trees subsequently pointed out by the agent of the Palace; and

(2) what was the reply given to the Prince in Meenam 1103 about the disposal of such wind-fallen trees;

(3) what is the rate demanded from the Prince; and

(4) what is the usual seigniorage rate for such timber;

(5) did the Prince object to this rate; and

(6) what was the reply given in Edavam 1103 by the Senior Division Officer;

(7) what is the reply given by the Conservator of Forests about the same in Kanni 1104;

c. (1) was there a request by the Prince that [illegible] may be allowed of the wind-fallen trees;

(2) what was the reply to this request;

(3) was 'attisekharam' allowed to Mr. Luiz and other contractors at any time;

(4) if so, when and on how many occasions;

d. (1) was there a letter to the Diwan in Dhanu 1104 by the Prince about this matter;

(2) if so, what is the letter;

(3) what was the reply of the Diwan;

(4) what was the final reply given by the Conservator of Forests about this matter in 1104 Medam?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—a. (1) Yes, for *timber* for the construction of *premises* and not for the construction of premises.

(2) None, but one was given when a reminder was received.

(3) Yes.

b. (1) Yes.

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